

## **Title 49 CFR, Part 387**

### **Minimum Levels of Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers**

Financial responsibility means having insurance policies or surety bonds sufficient to satisfy the minimum public liability requirements. Public liability means liability for bodily injury, property damage and environmental restoration. Environmental restoration means restitution for the loss, damage or destruction of natural resources arising out of an accidental discharge of toxic or other environmentally harmful materials or liquids.

#### **Requirements for Financial Responsibility**

Motor Carriers of property operating commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce and for hire carriers of passengers operating in interstate/intrastate or foreign commerce must have at least the minimum amount of insurance required by law.  
(See Schedule of Limits in this folder for Minimum levels of Financial Responsibility.)

#### **Proof**

The motor carrier must have proof of the minimum level of insurance at the Company's principal place of business.

Proof may be shown by any of the following:

- Endorsements for Motor Carriers of Passengers policies of insurance for public liability under Sections 39 and 30 of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 (Form MCS-90) issued by an insurer.
- Endorsements for Motor Carriers of Passengers policies of insurance for public liability under Sections 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 (Form MCS-90B\*)
- A motor carrier surety bond for public liability under Section 30 of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 (Form MCS-82) issued by a surety.
- A motor carrier of Passengers Surety Bond for public liability under Section 18 of the Bud Regulatory Act of 1982 (Form MCS-82B\*)
- A written decision, order or authorization of the interstate Commerce Commission authorizing the motor carrier to self-insure under 49 CFR 1043.5

#### **Utah Administrative Rule**

**R909-1-2.** Insurance for Private Intrastate/Interstate Motor Carriers.

- A. Private motor carrier means a person who provides transportation of property or passengers by commercial motor vehicle, and is not a for-hire carrier.
- B. All intrastate private motor carriers shall have a minimum amount of \$750,000 liability.

For additional assistance contact: Utah Department of Transportation, Motor Carrier Division (801) 965-4243. This fact sheet is intended as a resource. It is not intended to explain all requirements of Utah Law. Contact our office for additional assistance 07/04



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
Federal Motor Carrier  
Safety Administration

**ENDORSEMENT FOR  
MOTOR CARRIER POLICIES OF INSURANCE FOR PUBLIC LIABILITY  
UNDER SECTIONS 29 AND 30 OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT OF 1980**

Form Approved:  
OMB No.: 2125-0008

Issued to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
Amending Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Countersigned by \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Company Representative

The policy to which this endorsement is attached provides primary or excess insurance, as indicated by "[X]," for the limits shown:

- ☐ This insurance is primary and the company shall not be liable for amounts in excess of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for each accident.  
☐ This insurance is excess and the company shall not be liable for amounts in excess of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for each accident in excess of the underlying limit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for each accident.

Whenever required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), the company agrees to furnish the FMCSA a duplicate of said policy and all its endorsements. The company also agrees, upon telephone request by an authorized representative of the FMCSA, to verify that the policy is in force as of a particular date. The telephone number to call is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Cancellation of this endorsement may be effected by the company of the insured by giving (1) thirty-five (35) days notice in writing to the other party (said 35 days notice to commence from the date the notice is mailed, proof of mailing shall be sufficient proof of notice), and (2) if the insured is subject to the FMCSA's registration requirements under 49 U.S.C. 13901, by providing thirty (30) days notice to the FMCSA (said 30 days notice to commence from the date the notice is received by the FMCSA at its office in Washington, D.C.).

**DEFINITIONS AS USED IN THIS ENDORSEMENT**

**Accident** includes continuous or repeated exposure to conditions or which results in bodily injury, property damage, or environmental damage which the insured neither expected nor intended.

**Motor Vehicle** means a land vehicle, machine, truck, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer propelled or drawn by mechanical power and used on a highway for transporting property, or any combination thereof.

**Bodily Injury** means injury to the body, sickness, or disease to any person, including death resulting from any of these.

**Property Damage** means damage to or loss of use of tangible property.

**Environmental Restoration** means restitution for the loss, damage, or destruction of natural resources arising out of the accidental discharge, dispersal, release or escape into or upon the land, atmosphere, watercourse, or body of water, of any commodity transported by a motor carrier. This shall include the cost of removal and the cost of necessary measures taken to minimize or mitigate damage to human health, the natural environment, fish, shellfish, and wildlife.

**Public Liability** means liability for bodily injury, property damage, and environmental restoration.

The insurance policy to which this endorsement is attached provides automobile liability insurance and is amended to assure compliance by the insured, within the limits stated herein, as a motor carrier of property, with Sections 29 and 30 of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 and the rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

In consideration of the premium stated in the policy to which this endorsement is attached, the insurer (the company) agrees to pay, within the limits of liability described herein, any final judgment recovered against the insured for public liability resulting from negligence in the operation, maintenance or use of motor vehicles subject to the financial responsibility requirements of Sections 29 and 30 of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 regardless of whether or not each motor vehicle is specifically described in the policy and whether or not such negligence occurs on any route or in any territory authorized to be served by the insured or elsewhere. Such insurance as is afforded, for public liability, does not apply to injury to or death of the insured's employees while engaged in the course of their employment, or property transported by the insured, designated as cargo. It is understood and agreed that no condition, provision, stipulation, or limitation contained in the policy, this endorsement, or any other endorsement thereon, or violation thereof, shall relieve the company from liability or from the payment of any final judgment, within the

limits of liability herein described, irrespective of the financial condition, insolvency or bankruptcy of the insured. However, all terms, conditions, and limitations in the policy to which the endorsement is attached shall remain in full force and effect as binding between the insured and the company. The insured agrees to reimburse the company for any payment made by the company on account of any accident, claim, or suit involving a breach of the terms of the policy, and for any payment that the company would not have been obligated to make under the provisions of the policy except for the agreement contained in this endorsement.

It is further understood and agreed that, upon failure of the company to pay any final judgment recovered against the insured as provided herein, the judgment creditor may maintain an action in any court of competent jurisdiction against the company to compel such payment.

The limits of the company's liability for the amounts prescribed in this endorsement apply separately to each accident and any payment under the policy because of any one accident shall not operate to reduce the liability of the company for the payment of final judgments resulting from any other accident.

THE SCHEDULE OF LIMITS SHOWN ON THE REVERSE SIDE DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE. The limits shown in the schedule are for information purposes only.

Form MCS-90 (4/2000)

**SCHEDULE OF LIMITS—PUBLIC LIABILITY**

Type of carriage	Commodity transported	Jan. 1, 1985
(1) For-hire (In interstate or foreign commerce, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 or more pounds).	Property (nonhazardous).....	\$ 750,000
(2) For-hire and Private (In interstate, foreign, or intrastate commerce, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 or more pounds).	Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 CFR 171.8, transported in cargo tanks, portable tanks, or hopper-type vehicles with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons; or in bulk Division 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 materials, Division 2.3, Hazard Zone A, or Division 6.1, Packing Group I, Hazard Zone A material; in bulk Division 2.1 or 2.2; or highway route controlled quantities of a Class 7 material, as defined in 49 CFR 173.403	\$5,000,000
(3) For-hire and Private (In interstate or foreign commerce, in any quantity; or in intrastate commerce, in bulk only; with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 or more pounds).	Oil listed in 49 CFR 172.101; hazardous waste, hazardous materials, and hazardous substances defined in 49 CFR 171.8 and listed in 49 CFR 172.101, but not mentioned in (2) above or (4) below.	\$1,000,000
(4) For-hire and Private (In interstate or foreign commerce, with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 10,000 pounds).	Any quantity of Division 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 material; any quantity of a Division 2.3, Hazard Zone A, or Division 6.1, Packing Group I, Hazard Zone A material; or highway route controlled quantities of a Class 7 material as defined in 49 CFR 173.403.	\$5,000,000